

**Indiana-Course Aligned Assessment
Geography and History of the World – Sample Items**

1. Which of the following statements best describes why European nations colonized large portions of Africa after 1880?
- A Europeans wanted to obtain more raw materials and establish new markets.
 - B Europeans were interested in vacationing and hunting in Africa.
 - C Europeans demanded more slaves to work in the New World.
 - D Europeans wanted to learn more about African religions.

2. Use the chart below to answer the following question.

Foreign Players in the National Basketball Association (NBA)		
Year	Countries	Continents
1984	0	0
1985	1	1
2006-2007	37	6

What has happened in the NBA since 1984?

- A The NBA has restricted foreign players from participating.
 - B The NBA has expanded to include foreign players from European countries only.
 - C Players from the United States were allowed to join the NBA.
 - D Players from all over the world have increasingly been playing in the NBA.
3. Identify two ways the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 influenced the world during the next fifty years.



Answer Key

Item	Answer	Alignment
1	A	GHW.4.3
2	D	GHW.11.1
3	Student answers should include one of the following: It changed Eastern European politics. Communism dominated Eastern Europe as the whole area fell under communist rule.; It led to creation of the largest country in the world. The Soviet Union was formed and became a large, powerful communist nation.; Communism spread throughout the world, reaching as far as Cuba.; It caused the Cold War. The development and spread of communist ideologies led the world into the Cold War.; other valid answers	GHW.6.1